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(SBU) Polchief delivered on April 21 reftel demarche and non-paper to Nabil Masarweh, Office Director to Jordan's Foreign Minister, and to Samer Naber, who recently returned from an assignment to Jordan's Embassy to Washington and has yet to be assigned within the MFA. Masarweh said he appreciated the details on the mechanisms that ensured Palestinian Authority (PA) transparency and accountability in the spending of donor contributions. Jordan was unlikely to provide financial aid to the PA, however, as it already hosted the largest population of Palestinian refugees outside the Occupied Territories, trained Palestinian forces at JIPTC, and provided a military field hospital and aid convoys to Gaza, according to Masarweh. Naber asked whether the Department was sharing details of the mechanisms with Congress and whether Special Envoy George Mitchell was raising PA funding needs with Arab interlocutors on his visit to the region.

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